

The Asbestos Charter

JUSTICE FOR THE VICTIMS OF ASBESTOS AND A GLOBAL BAN

Justice Delayed is Justice Denied

By Clydeside Action on Asbestos

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Aims

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CASE

1. The indestructible fibres known as asbestos are highly hazardous to humanity; asbestos-induced cancers and asbestos-related, terminal illnesses are now at pandemic levels across the world.
2. The victims of these insidious diseases are being denied diagnosis.
3. The victims and their families are typically denied due disablement entitlements from the state; this acts as a service to the asbestos industry and a disservice to victims seeking compensation: the bureaucratic procedures surrounding the diagnosis question obscures the reality of the pandemic from the public-at-large and further aggravates the deteriorating physical and psychological condition of the victims, often contributing materially to their premature death.

CONCLUSION

1. That this is a fundamental breach of human rights and an affront to common decency and humanity.
2. That the significant part played by members of the medical profession is contrary to the Hippocratic Oath and a contravention of universal medical ethics.
3. That any state is exercising a policy of oppression when it colludes in the production of fatal asbestos products while denying diagnosis and medical benefits to dying victims.

PROPOSITION

That there be a universal declaration by all states:

- (i) to ban asbestos, falling into line with those who have done so already (Denmark, Sweden...) or committed themselves to that end (Italy, Germany...);
- (ii) to re-evaluate the criteria of diagnosis and acknowledge the full range of asbestos-related cancers and diseases;
- (iii) to implement an ethical code of diagnostic practice and due medical treatment of dying victims.

Statement of Support

I, the undersigned, agree to support this charter in the interests of justice and humanity for the victims of insidious and terminal related diseases; and accordingly, my signature appears in pursuance of the following appeals;

1. A public enquiry into the maltreatment of terminally ill victims of asbestos diseases in respect of deliberate denial of diagnosis by certain members of the medical profession, and that such enquiry should particularly include for malpractices by the D.S.S.
2. A United Kingdom, European and global ban on the mining, production or utilisation of asbestos products due to their extreme toxicity and the horrific effect this is having on the health and welfare of global society.

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Appeal

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